

**Cumberland/Salem
Workforce Investment Board
ARRA Oversight & Evaluation
Committee Meeting**

Minutes of June 16, 2006

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem ARRA Committee was held on June 16, 2010 at the Freeholder Conference Room in Salem, New Jersey.

Attendance:

Allison Spinelli, OE&T
Anthony Chiesa, DOL
Bert Lopez, Atlantic City Electric
Christy DiLeonardo, C/S WIB
Dr. Tomas Isekenegbe, Cumberland County College
John Hall, Local Union
Julie Acton, Salem Freeholder
Kevin Foley, Salem Community College
Kim Litchendorf, Cumberland Dairy
Loren Thomas, SCVTS
Patricia Constantino, PathStone
Yarilee Miranda, Kintock
Richard Byer, DOL
Shelley Spina, C/S WIB

Special Guest:

Rodney Brutton, NJ Laborers Local 55

Handouts:

WIA ARRA Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth Program Enrollments
WIA ARRA Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth Financial Status Report
LiUNA Weatherization Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by Julie Acton. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

Julie asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was made by Bert Lopez and seconded by Anthony Chiesa.

Julie introduced Rodney Brutton, Project Coordinator for the New Jersey Weatherization Training Program. In this role he is responsible for coordinating activities with WIB's/One Stop Career Centers, establishing partnerships with local community stakeholders, and developing relationships with employers.

Labors' Local 55 :Building the Green Workforce One Community at a Time: Rodney Brutton

Rodney thanked Dante and Allison for all of their help. The Weather Training Program credentials individuals in three areas of weatherization: Technician/Installer, Weatherization Supervisor, and Energy Auditors. They have conducted one class in Cumberland County. 13 graduates completed the initial course, and 4 are currently working. They are in the process of arranging interviews with the other graduates. The clients are TABWE tested and are required to register with the One Stop. There are 2 components with this program: academics and hands on training. The clients are drug tested, must have a GED or High School Diploma, valid driver's license. Tri County CAP is operating the program in this area and the clients are trained at the CCTEC. They are planning a job fair with Tri County CAP.

They will be starting a second class on June 20th. This class will have 12 to 15 clients. Clients that go through this training do not have to join the union. Rodney stated that so far everything is going well.

WIA ARRA Financial Status Report: Allison Spinelli

This is a combined Cumberland and Salem report. As of May 31, 2010 they have expended 94.46% in the Adult Program. They have expended 65.42% in their Dislocated Worker Program. They received additional funding for this program. They have a waiting list. They have expended 76.65% of their funding for Youth Programs. In Cumberland County they will use the remaining funds to conduct another round of Career Camps. They have held 2 informational sessions and the UI Office did a direct mailing to their clients about the camps. Salem County will use their funds on work experience and classroom training at the Salem Community College.

WIA ARRA Training Report: Allison Spinelli

As of June 11, 2010 in Cumberland County they have 207 enrollments in Adult Programs, 202 in Dislocated Workers Program and 489 in Youth Programs. Training enrollments for Salem County that occurred during the period March 2010 through June 11, 2010 are not included in this report.

Old Business:

Dante reported that the state had a reduction in staff and as a result Cheryl Miller from the Salem One Stop was laid off. They are working on trying to get her reinstated. In her absence Pete Contini and Kevin Foley are working hard to keep the One Stop running. Cheryl was a huge loss. John Hall questioned how this could have happened the way that it did. Bert is meeting with the Commissioner on Monday and he will bring this up.

New Business:

Dante reported that there will be no federal funding this year for Summer Youth. They did receive a notice that they can run a program for TANF participants. Private businesses are also allowed to participate this year.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Julie asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Bert Lopez and the meeting was adjourned.

